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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1975

FROM ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON

PRIOR TO HOSTING A LUNCH IN HIS HONOR, I MET WITH
SECRETARY-GENERAL MANZINI OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND AMBASSADOR GAJA. MANZINI EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN
THAT ITALY BE INCLUDED IN ANY ECONOMIC SUMMIT. HE ALSO
ASKED THAT THE US LEND ITS SUPPORT TO THE ITALIAN BID
FOR A \$1 BILLION CONTRACT FOR PIPE PRODUCTION FOR THE
TRANS-ARABIAN PIPELINE, STRESSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS
CONTRACT FOR ITALY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY WHICH HAS IMPORTANT
POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

TUNISIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING ZAAOUNI CAME IN TO DISCUSS
PLANS FOR THE US-TUNISIA JOINT COMMISSION MEETING WHICH
HE AND I WILL CO-CHAIR, TO BE HELD IN TUNIS OCTOBER 20.
THE TUNISIANS OBVIOUSLY HOPE TO EXPLOIT THE JOINT
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COMMISSION FORMAT TO GET A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN

ECONOMIC GRANT AID.

IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY THE GERMANS ADVISED US THAT THEY WOULD GIVE \$50 MILLION IN NON-PROJECT AID TO EGYPT, HALF THE AMOUNT WE REQUESTED. THEY ARE ALSO ACTIVATING A LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT OF ABOUT \$60 MILLION IN NON-PROJECT AID.

PRESIDENT LIRA OF THE BRAZILIAN CENTRAL BANK CAME IN TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS CONCERNING OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. DURING A DISCUSSION OF THE POINTS MADE IN YOUR UN SPEECH, HE STATED THAT THE EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR PRIVATE CAPITAL WOULD NOT NECESSARILY SOLVE THE LDC'S PROBLEMS DUE TO DEBT STRUCTURE. HE BELIEVES THAT MORE AND LARGER INFUSIONS OF GRANT CAPITAL ARE NEEDED TO SOLVE THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF LDC'S.

AMBASSADOR JACOBI, SWISS COUNCIL FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS, CAME IN TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN THAT THE GROUP OF 8 DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE PREPCON MINISTERIAL ACCURATELY REFLECT THE INTEREST OF ALL THE DEVELOPED WORLD AND INDICATED THAT HE FELT THAT SWITZERLAND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BUT THAT ANY DECISION ON THE FIVE ADDITIONAL DEVELOPED NATION PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE MADE JOINTLY BY THE US, JAPAN AND THE EC AFTER THE OCTOBER PREPCON.

I MET WITH DR. SAOUMA OF LEBANON WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF THE FAO LAND AND WATER DIVISION AND A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO WHICH COMES UP FOR A DECISION IN NOVEMBER. IT APPEARS THAT DR. SAOUMA HAS

STRONG SUPPORT AND IS VERY LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THIS POSITION. I INDICATED THAT WE WERE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO COMMIT TO ANY CANDIDATE.

GERRY PARSKY CAME BY TO BE BRIEFED ON MY LAST TRIP TO PARIS AND OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. ROBINSON

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